

## Message Text

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SUBJ: ARRESTED LABOR LEADERS IN TUNIS

1. JOHN VANDERVEKEN, ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU), TOLD USEC LABOR ATTACHE APRIL 19 THAT THE ICFTU REMAINS VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT THE FATE OF HABIB ACHOUR AND OTHER ARRESTED TUNISIAN LABOR LEADERS. THE SUBJECT WILL BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE ICFTU BOARD WHEN IT MEETS IN HAMBURG MAY 16-19.

2. VANDERVEKEN SAID THAT HE HAD HOPED TO MAKE A "DISCREET" VISIT TO TUNIS--I.E., WITHOUT PUBLICITY--THIS WEEK TO LEARN FIRST-HAND WHAT THE PRESENT MOOD IS, IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT, BUT THE TIMING WAS BAD BECAUSE OF THE AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS' MEETING THERE THIS WEEK.

3. THE REST OF VANDERVEKEN'S TIME PRIOR TO THE BOARD MEETING IS COMMITTED (NEXT WEEK HE ATTENDS AN ICFTU-ARO BOARD MEETING IN BANGKOK, SEPTEL) AND SO AT PRESENT HE  
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HAS NO PLANS TO RETURN TO TUNIS, NOR DOES ANY OTHER SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL. HINTON

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